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Application no. : 09/166,343  
Applicant : C. Stuart Johnson  
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Sir:

In response to one or more issues raised in the office action dated October 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENT

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Argument** begins on page 11 of this paper.

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